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Bishop Ranch goes for the gold

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From an East Bay commuter's point of view, Bishop Ranch Business Park is setting the gold standard.

The sprawling San Ramon office park received a Gold Award for Excellence from the **Environmental Protection Agency** for its efforts to promote alternatives to solo commuting. Marci McGuire, program manager for the **Bishop Ranch Transportation Centre**, accepted the award at a Sept. 21 ceremony in Los Angeles.

The awards are given annually as part of the EPA's Best Workplaces for Commuters program. Awards are granted in gold, silver and bronze categories based on activities undertaken by more than 300 individuals and organizations nationwide.

Nearly 31 percent of the 20,000 people who work in the business park take public transit, ride their bikes or participate in carpools or vanpools, among other forms of alternative commuting. Bishop Ranch's program was deemed an effective way to reduce air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions and traffic congestion. The park has had the alternate transit program for 22 years.

The first building in the office park was constructed in 1980.

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